

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

In re:

SPECIALTY RETAIL SHOPS HOLDING CORP., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

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) Chapter 11
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) Case No. 19-80064 (TLS)
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) (Jointly Administered)
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**DEBTORS' MOTION FOR ENTRY
OF A SCHEDULING ORDER SETTING THE PROCEDURE
TO HEAR AND DETERMINE THE VALIDITY OF ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMS**

Specialty Retail Shops Holding Corp. and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Debtors"), respectfully state as follows in support of this motion (this "Motion"):

Jurisdiction

1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nebraska (the "Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and Nebraska General Rule 1.5 of the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska. The Debtors confirm their consent, pursuant to rule 7008 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), to the entry of a final order by the Court in connection with this motion to the extent that it is later

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Specialty Retail Shops Holding Corp. (0029); Pamida Stores Operating Co., LLC (6157); Pamida Transportation, LLC (4219); Penn-Daniels, LLC (0040); Place's Associates' Expansion, LLC (7526); Retained R/E SPE, LLC (6679); Shopko Finance, LLC (1152); Shopko Gift Card Co., LLC (2161); ShopKo Holding Company, LLC (0171); ShopKo Institutional Care Services Co., LLC (7112); ShopKo Optical Manufacturing, LLC (6346); ShopKo Properties, LLC (0865); ShopKo Stores Operating Co., LLC (6109); SVS Trucking, LLC (0592). The location of the Debtors' service address is: 700 Pilgrim Way, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54304.

determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

2. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
3. The basis for the relief requested herein is Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9006(b).

Background and Relief Requested

4. On February 14, 2019, the Court entered its *Order (I) Setting a Bar Date for Filing Proofs of Claim, Including Claims Arising under Section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, (II) Setting a Bar Date for the Filing of Proofs of Claim by Governmental Units, (III) Setting a Bar Date for the Filing of Requests For Allowance of Administrative Expense Claims, (IV) Setting an Amended Schedules Bar Date, (V) Setting a Rejection Damages Bar Date, (VI) Setting a Premise Liability Claims Bar Date, (VII) Approving the Form of And Manner for Filing Proofs of Claim, (VIII) Approving Notice of the Bar Dates, and (IX) Granting Related Relief* (the “Claims Bar Date Order”) [Docket No. 421], which established a deadline of 11:59 p.m. on April 1, 2019 (the “Administrative Claims Bar Date”) for filing all administrative claims having accrued prior to that time.²

5. Nearly 100 administrative claims with approximately 5000 pages of documentation were filed pursuant to the Claims Bar Date Order.

6. On April 11, 2019, the Court entered its *Order Granting Motion for An Order Extending Objection Deadlines and for Setting a Uniform Objection Deadline for Requests for Administrative Claims* [Docket No. 1035] (the “Objection Deadline Order”), setting May 1, 2019

² The Debtors’ counsel granted a limited number of extensions to this deadline, all of which expired on April 8, 2019. Administrative claims that were required to be filed by the Administrative Claims Bar Date set forth in the Claims Bar Date Order or by a later date per agreement with Debtors’ counsel are referred to herein as the “Administrative Claims”.

as the deadline to object to the Administrative Claims. On April 29, 2019, the Court extended that deadline to May 21, 2019 [Docket No. 1174].

7. On May 21, 2019, the Debtors filed *Debtors' First Omnibus Response and Objection to Requests for Allowance of Administrative Claims* (Docket No. 1386) (the "Claims Objection"), responding and objecting to certain of the Administrative Claims that had been filed.

8. On May 22, 2019, the Court entered its *Notice of Trial Date* [Docket No. 1389], which set a trial on the Administrative Claims and the Claims Objection for June 27, 2019.

9. Many of the Administrative Claims involve legal issues that would require little factual development in order for the Court to be able to resolve them. Moreover, these legal issues could be dispositive of a large number of the Administrative Claims. As such, the Debtors believe that the resources of the estates and of the affected parties would be best conserved, and judicial efficiency would be best served, by addressing the potentially dispositive legal issues before conducting extensive discovery to develop the factual issues relating to the Administrative Claims.

10. Therefore, the Debtors would request that the Court bifurcate the Administrative Claims and hear and decide only the following legal issues (the "Legal Issues")³ that have been asserted in the applicable Administrative Claims at the hearing on June 27, 2019 (the "June 27 Hearing"):

Non-Debtor Parties Affected	Legal Issue
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³ For the avoidance of doubt, the Debtors propose addressing the Legal Issues only at the June 27 Hearing, as the Debtors believe they can be decided as a matter of law based on the facts and arguments plead in the Administrative Claims. *See In re Nortel Networks, Inc.*, 469 B.R. 478, 497 (Bankr. D. Del. 2012) ("While the Code and Rules do not explicitly analogize proofs of claim to complaints in civil actions, most courts have gone so far as to apply the federal pleading standards to proofs of claim" and, thus, courts can "apply the pleading standards under F.R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6) which requires 'sufficient factual material, accepted as true, to state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face.'"). To the extent the Court rules against the Debtors on any of the Legal Issues or the moving parties further develop the factual record, the Debtors reserve all rights to supplement their objections to the applicable Administrative Claims with any additional factual or legal arguments.

Parties listed in <u>Exhibit A</u>	Whether parties are entitled to immediate payment of allowed administrative-expense claims other than as set forth in the Confirmation Order
Landlords listed in <u>Exhibit B</u> , as applicable	Whether landlords are entitled to administrative-expense claim for stub rent
Landlords listed in <u>Exhibit B</u> , as applicable	Whether landlords are entitled to administrative-expense claim for prorated taxes that will not come due until after rejection of lease
Landlords listed in <u>Exhibit B</u> , as applicable	Whether landlords are entitled to administrative-expense claim for taxes, rent, or other charges that were due after the Debtors rejected the applicable lease

11. In connection with the June 27 Hearing, the Debtors request that the Court set the hearing for affidavit/declaration evidence only, and the following briefing schedule.

Date	Deadline
June 18, 2019	Deadline by which the Debtors must file any supplement to the arguments they raised in the Claims Objection regarding the Legal Issues
June 21, 2019	Deadline by the applicable parties must file replies
June 24, 2019	Deadline by which parties must submit affidavit evidence (if any)

12. The Debtors further request that, once the Legal Issues are decided, the Court hold a scheduling conference (the “**Scheduling Conference**”) to discuss the process for resolving the remaining factual and legal issues concerning the Administrative Claims. In advance of the Scheduling Conference, the Debtors will work with the parties in interest to develop appropriate scheduling for the remaining legal and factual disputes regarding the Administrative Claims.

13. The Debtors, of course, continue to be receptive and willing to discuss and negotiate reasonable, prompt and fair resolutions of the remaining Administrative Claims with all claimants, and the scheduling requested herein will allow all parties time to pursue those settlement efforts. In addition, the Debtors submit that bifurcating these proceedings as proposed herein would

streamline the claims-resolution process, saving the estate administrative costs and promoting judicial economy.

11. For these reasons, the Debtors request that the Court enter a scheduling order to determine the Administrative Claims consistent with the process proposed above.

Notice

12. The Debtors have provided notice of this Motion to the following parties or their respective counsel: (a) the office of the U.S. Trustee for the District of Nebraska; (b) counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors; (c) the agents under the Debtors' prepetition asset-based facility; (d) the agents under the proposed DIP Facility; (e) the agents under the Debtors' prepetition term loan facility; (f) the Internal Revenue Service; (g) the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; (h) the office of the attorneys general for the states in which the Debtors operate; (i) the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Nebraska; (j) holders' of Administrative Claims; and (k) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The Debtors submit that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

No Prior Request

13. No prior request for the relief sought in this Motion has been made to this or any other court.

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WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request: that the Court enter the Order granting the relief requested herein and such other relief as the Court may deem appropriate under the circumstances.

Dated: June 13, 2019
Omaha, Nebraska

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Exhibit A

Docket Number of Application	Claimant
793 & 1214	higi SH LLC
794	Flintock Capital, LLC
795	Robin Manitowoc, LLC & Bobo Manitowoc, LLC
796	Robin Menasha, LLC, RMD Menasha, LLC E&A Menasha, LLC and Genna Menasha, LLC
797	Robin Ellsworth, LLC
800	Brainstorm Products, LLC
801	SHS Building, LLC, Boise Shopko LLC, GFS Building, LLC, and Foothill Shadows, LLC
802	Elizabeth Trainor, LLC
803	Cole SH L'Anse MI, LLC
812	Vereit SH Cokato MN, LLC
815	SH Broken Bow NE, LLC
817	Vereit SH Webster City IA, LLC
818	CGP Canadian, Ltd.
819	CGP Orofino, LLC
821	Vereit SH Cherokee IA, LLC
822	CGP Seymour, LTD
824	Vereit SH Ballard UT, LLC
827	Vereit SH Nephi UT, LLC
828	ARCP SH Larned KS, LLC
829	Hanging Valley Investments, LLC
831	SFI Limited Partnership 100
832	ARCP SH Valentine NE, LLC
833	Lund 144 Center, LLC and Wolf Building Partnership
838	1st Avenue Self Storage, LLC
841	The Christensen Corporation
842	L&S Properties of Webster, LLC
843	L&S Properties of Redfield, LLC
845	L&S Properties of Milbank, LLC
846	Stettinger Enterprises, Ltd.
847	East Dakota Properties
849	R. Lewis & R. Lewis Brillion, Inc.
852	Shopkodell LLC

854	Thompson Associates Corp.
855	Shopkocham LLC
863	Cisco Systems Capital Corporation
866	salesforce.com, inc.
876	Woods Super Market, Inc.
880	Waste Connections, Inc.
879	Menard, Inc.
883	Spectrum America Supply Chain Solutions Inc.
885	The City of Clintonville, Wisconsin
889	Davidson Children's Trust 1 & 2
890	FIDC XXIII LLC, FIDC XXX LLC, FIDC XXXVI LLC, FIDC 50 LLC
927	Diane Mayer Survivor's Trust et al
1066	CHL Neenah LLC
1067	CHL Winona LLC

Exhibit B

Docket Number of Application	Claimant
718	2DF NO. 2, L.C. and Orbit 1, LLC
735	Richard Kelly and Colleen Kelly
744	DSL Construction and Co-Trustee of the Don Levin Trust
749	LCN SKO Omaha (Multi) LLC
755	R.A. Bogue Limited Liability Partnership, Richard L. Mau and Donna C. Mau
763	Brian Bass of Friedman Brokerage Company - WI, LLC
778	Richard Kelly and Colleen Kelly
794	Flinklock Capital, LLC
795	Robin Manitowoc, LLC and Bobo Manitowoc, LLC
796	Robin Menasha, LLC, RMD Menasha, LLC, E&A Menasha, LLC and Genna Menasha, LLC
797	JMV Development, LLC

801	Boise Shopko, LLC, GFS Building, LLC and Foothill Shadows, LLC
802	Elizabeth Trainor LLC
803	Cole SH L'Anse MI, LLC
807	Jubilee Family Investments, LLC
808	Pelstar Kimball, LLC
811	Realty Income Corporation
812	Vereit SH Cokato MN, LLC
815	ARCP SH Broken Bow NE, LLC
816	Haile Tekle and Hiwot Tekle
817	Vereit SH Webster City IA, LLC
821	Vereit SH Cherokee IA, LLC
823	CGSK Tulia, LTD
824	Vereit SH Ballard UT, LLC
827	Vereit SH Nephi UT, LLC
828	ARCP SH Larned KS, LLC
829	Hanging Valley Investments, LLC
831	SFI Limited Partnership 100
832	ARCP SH Valentine NE, LLC
833	Lund 144 Center, LLC and Wolf Building Partnership

838	1st Avenue Self Storage, LLC
839	Theodore A. & Evangeline Laliotis, Trustees for the Theodore A. and Evangeline Laliotis 2012 Revocable Trust
841	The Christensen Corporation
842	L&S Properties of Webster, LLC
843	L&S Properties of Redfield, LLC
845	L&S Properties of Milbank, LLC
846	Stettinger Enterprises, LTD
847	East Dakota Properties
849	R. Lewis & R. Lewis Brillion, Inc.
851	2105 Lazelle Street LLC
852	Shopkodell LLC
855	Shopkocham LLC
858	Thompson Associates Corp.
861	St. Croix Trail, LLC
864	Patten Group Limited Partnership
869	Woods Super Markets, Inc.
870	Quincy 28 -13, LLC
873	Haar Properties LLC

875	Corvalis Wa, LLC
876	Woods Super Markets, Inc.
879	Menard, Inc.
889	Davidson Children's Trust 1 & 2
890	FIDC XXIII, LLC, FIDC XXX LLC, FIDC XXXVI, FIDC 50 LLC
910	Capview Income & Value Fund IV, LP
927	Diane M. Mayer, Trustee of Diane Mayer Survivor's Trust and Trustee of Gene Mayer Marital Trust
995	SVK Capital, LLC
996 and 997	5 G's Corporation
1004	Ron's Supermarket, Inc.
1006	Peterson Ventures LLC
1066	CHL Neenah LLC
1067	CHL Winona LLC
1089	Hanging Valley Investments, LLC